

1 DEFENSIBLE SPACE, 2005

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4 Article 3. Fire Hazard Reduction Around Buildings and Structures

5 Defensible Space. § 1299

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7 **§ 1299. Defensible Space.**

8 The intent of this regulation is to provide guidance for  
9 implementation of Public Resources Code 4291(a) and (b), and minimize  
10 the spread of fire within a 100 foot zone around a building or  
11 structure.

12 (a) A person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains  
13 a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any mountainous area,  
14 forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or any  
15 land that is covered with flammable material, and is within State  
16 Responsibility Area, shall do the following:

17 (1) Within 30 feet from each building or structure maintain  
18 a firebreak by removing and clearing away all flammable vegetation and  
19 other combustible growth pursuant to PRC § 4291(a). Single specimens  
20 of trees or other vegetation may be retained provided they are well-  
21 spaced, well-pruned, and create a condition that avoids spread of fire  
22 to other vegetation or to a building or structure.

23 (2) Within the 30 feet to 100 feet zone (Reduced Fuel Zone)  
24 from each building or structure (or to the property line, whichever is  
25 nearer to the structure), provide a fuelbreak by disrupting the

1 vertical and/or horizontal continuity of flammable and combustible  
2 vegetation with the goal of reducing fire intensity, inhibiting fire  
3 in the crowns of trees, reducing the rate of fire spread, and  
4 providing a safer environment for firefighters to suppress wildfire  
5 pursuant to PRC § 4291(b).

6 (b) Any vegetative fuels identified as a fire hazard by the fire  
7 inspection official of the authority having jurisdiction shall be  
8 removed or modified provided it is required by subsection (a)(1) &  
9 (a)(2).

10 (c) Within the intent of the regulations, the fire inspection  
11 official of the authority having jurisdiction may approve alternative  
12 practices which provide for the same practical effects as the stated  
13 guidelines.

14 (d) Guidance for implementation of this regulation is contained  
15 in the publication: "General Guidelines for Creating Defensible Space"  
16 as published by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection by  
17 resolution adopted on February 8, 2006.

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20 Note: Authority cited: Section 4102, 4291, 4125-4128.5, Public  
21 Resource Code. Reference: 4291, Public Resource Code.

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